MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether in this Sri Mulam Assembly also the same demand was made by the representative of the Nedumangad public?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, I think so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government desire to raise the Middle School into a High School?

PRESIDENT: What is the question?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member if it is the intention of the Government to raise the Middle School at Nedumangad into a High School very early?

PRESIDENT: That is a question on the future action of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Government propose to raise the Middle School into a High School?

PRESIDENT: Again the same thing. Those who understand English can see that it is a paraphrase of the former question. (*Laughter*).

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether it is the age of the institution or the progress of the institution that is considered in raising a Middle School into a High School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think the age of the institution is considered. The necessity for a High School to meet the local needs is the important factor.

Police Administration in Nedumangad Taluk.

95. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the present Commissioner of Police took charge of the Commissionership;

(*b*) what is the distance of the Nedumangad Town from Trivandrum;

(*c*) whether the present Commissioner of Police has visited the Nedumangad Police Station and inspected it as yet; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, when he visited it?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) On the afternoon of 24-11-1933/9-4-1109.

(*b*) 12 miles.

(*c*) Not visited and inspected.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

Appointment of Income Tax Collectors.

96. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names, native place, qualification and previous experience, if any, of the newly appointed Incomdas Collectors; and

(*b*) the names of the applicants for the post, with their native place, qualification and previous experience, if any?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (i) *Name* S. Seshagiri Rao.
Native place Trivandrum.
Qualification. B. A., G. D. A.
Experience. Was a full-time apprentice for 3 years under Messrs. K. John & Co., Madras, his period of apprenticeship was recognised by the Bombay Accountancy Diploma Board.

(ii) *Name* P. Chandrasekhara Pillai
Native place Trivandrum.
Qualification B. Com. (Bombay). About 3 years as Income Tax Clerk and over 7 years as Income Tax Auditor.

(*b*) Government do not think that the preparation of the information called for is worth the time and labour to be spent on it.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether Mr. Seshagiri Rao has expert knowledge in Malayalam or Tamil?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Goernment*): I do not know whether he has *expert* knowledge in Malayalam or Tamil.

MR. T. P. VELAYDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I rise to a point of order. In the printed list the answer to my question stands against the name of Mr. K. George. My supplementary questions have therefore, under Rule 18 of the Legislative Rules, to be answered by Mr. George, the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner. I was addressing my supplementary questions to that member. May I know from the Chair whether it is in order for another official member to give onswers to my supplementary questions?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the Honourable member has forgotten that two days ago the Chief Secretary, on behalf of Mr. K. George who is a member of this House, asked the permission of the Chair to answer questions on his behalf during the period of Mr. George's ill-health and the Chair allowed that privilege. The same privilege is continued today also.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know then why Mr. George's name was written in the printed answer?

PRESIDENT: In the hope that he will come.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member to which part of the Trivandrum Town Mr. Seshagiri Rao belongs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know to which particular ward in Trivandrum he belongs. His native place is Trivandrum.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the particular part of Trivandrum to which he belongs?

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PRESIDENT: You want to know the particular street?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the name of the house or the municipal No. of his house?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether he possesses any landed property in Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the Second Language in which he has taken his B. A. Degree?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Muy I know from the Government whether his Second Language was Canarese?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the languages in which the Account Books he has to examine, in his capacity as Income Tax Collector are generally written?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): English, Malayalam, Tamil and also, I believe, Gujarati in which some merchants in Alleppey keep their accounts.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from Government whether Mr. Rao has sufficient knowledge of the Tamil language?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think he may know Tamil. Whether he has sufficient knowledge of it I cannot say.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): The member said he *may know*. I want definite information.

PRESIDENT: The member wants to know the degree of proficiency.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether that fact was ascertained before appointment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Which fact, Sir?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): The fact whether he has sufficient knowledge of Malayalam and Tamil.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, it was not.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether all the other applicants were given interviews?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We received about 80 applications and from those we selected about 10 and interviewed those ten applicants.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether one Mr. Ganapathi of Nagercoil was an applicant for the place?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether any opportunity was given to him for interview?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Notice was sent to him. But he did not appear.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the address to which such notice was sent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Notice was sent to his Madras address, because that was the address given in his application.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know that address?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got it with me.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner was originally invited to be present at the interview?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he was invited.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is, was he originally invited to be present?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not quite understand the implication of the word 'originally'.

PRESIDENT: I can understand the question. But what is the sense in which you use the word 'original' please?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I understand Mr. George was invited after some communication to that effect made by the Land Revenue Commissioner; so I put the question whether he was originally invited.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The interviews were all held on one and the same day and the Land Revenue Commissioner was present on the occasion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner had written to Government that he should also be present?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The correspondence between Government and the Commissioner is confidential.

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MR. T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Was it the recommendation of the Commissioner that Mr. Ganapathi should be appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That matter again is confidential.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there were not more experienced men in the department for the work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Among the numerous applications received by Government, they first selected 10 applicants on the merits of their qualifications and experience and granted interviews to them. Out of these, they selected the two best, on the basis of experience, qualifications and other considerations.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there were not more experienced men in the Income Tax Department for the work?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there were any special reasons for the appointment of Mr. Rao?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): His qualifications and experience in income tax work and no other reason.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether there were other applicants who possessed similar qualifications?

PRESIDENT: I am now beginning to think the need for limiting the number of supplementary questions which each member is entitled to ask.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, is the present answer given, the address in Mr. Rao's application?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether this address was given in the application form?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the member be pleased to give what it is by looking at the application form?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry. The application is not with me now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from where this information was obtained?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the interview he was questioned and the answers given by him were satisfactory. The Government were convinced that he was a native of Trivandrum.

Salary of Divisional Inspectors of Schools.

97. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed the salary of the newly appointed Divisional Inspectors of Schools; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the salary so fixed and the date thereof?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Divisional Inspector occupies a different cadre than a Head Master of a Secondary School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the maximum salary of the Head Master of a Secondary School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 300.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Divisional Inspectors have to supervise the work of Head Masters as well?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Recruitment of Teachers.

98. *MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how and for what reasons the efficiency grade introduced in 1913 for the specific purpose of encouraging undergraduate teachers of real merit and work has failed to find a place in the present G. O. on recruitment of teachers?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(i) the sanctioned number of efficiency grade posts;

(ii) the number of permanent incumbents (men and women) in the above posts; and

(iii) the number of efficiency grade vacancies filled up temporarily or otherwise by non-undergraduate teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Because the G. O. regarding the waiting lists relates to initial appointments only.

(*b*) (i) 23.

(ii) 11.

(iii) 12.

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